



POLITICS OF PASSAGE

MYTH Universal coverage equals single payer.

FACT Universal coverage does not guarantee care. “Access” is not care. Any system that leaves insurance companies as a middleman to profit off our health and deny care does not guarantee health care.

MYTH Supporting Medicare for All is an “extreme left-wing” position.

FACT A majority of Americans support a “single-payer” national health plan, a number that increases when the policy is described as “Medicare for All,” climbing to almost 70% in some polls. In California, for example, even after arguments describing the possibility of tax increases, 58% supported single-payer. Nationally, polls from KFF, Politico, and YouGov have shown more than half of Americans support Medicare for All, including two-thirds or more of Democrats, and a majority of independents. In 2020, a Hill-HarrisX poll showed nearly 50% of Republicans also supported a federal guarantee of health care for all.



ECONOMIC IMPACT

MYTH Medicare for All would “dismantle the health care marketplace and destabilize the economy.”

FACT

- Medicare for All would transform a complex, profit-driven marketplace into a simple, efficient system beholden only to the people.
- Warren Buffet: “Health care is the tapeworm of American competitiveness...and single payer is the solution.”
- Medicare for All will save companies money, get employers out of the health care business, free up capital for investment, and encourage entrepreneurship.
- Medicare for All is the best way to provide economic and health security in the emerging “gig economy.”
- Medicare for All provides funding for transitioning employees from health insurance sales, marketing, and administration to more productive professions.

Medicare for All is good for business and will give the U.S. a competitive advantage.



SYSTEM-WIDE REORGANIZATION

MYTH Transitioning to single payer is too dramatic, complicated, and unwieldy.

FACT

- The fundamental problem in our health care system is complexity, which is easily exploited by for-profit insurers.
- An incrementalist, “whack-a-mole” approach won’t save money and leaves in place the root of the problem — a wasteful, profit-based, health care system that does not cover everyone.
- Many countries have successfully transitioned to a similar system.



COST CONTAINMENT AND SAVINGS

MYTH We need to implement cost containment measures before we transition to single payer.

FACT The single most effective cost containment strategy is implementing a single-payer system that would:

- Reduce administration costs by 18%.
- Empower the U.S. to negotiate provider and pharmaceutical prices.
- Eliminate U.S. contributions to insurance company profits and executive compensation.